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IN THE CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (currently amended) ~~a~~ A barrier reinforcement comprising:
~~one or more at least one~~ stopping assemblies attachable to ~~the a~~ a barrier to be reinforced, ~~each the stopping assembly~~ comprising a flexible cable member passing through or along operatively associated with an elongated structural member with curved end portions with means to for distributing loading and ~~prevent limiting~~ cutting forces on the flexible cable member; and ~~passive catching means to catch a stopping means~~;
~~and at least two or more anchored and reinforced upright members on the a~~ protected side of the barrier, each upright member having one or more at least one passive stopping means engagement device to catch said the at least one stopping assembly when the barrier is impacted;
2. (currently amended) ~~†The barrier reinforcement of claim 1 wherein the means to distribute loading and prevent cutting forces are smooth bends at either end of the elongated structural member so that the at least a portion of the flexible cable member exits is enclosed within the elongated structural member in the direction of the bends and wherein the flexible cable member forms a substantially continuous loop~~;
3. (currently amended) ~~†The barrier reinforcement of claim 1 wherein the means to reinforce the upright member is comprises a structural reinforcing member suspended within the upright member with positioning means and a centering~~

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mechanism to maintain the barrier reinforcement in the desired location during installation.

4. (currently amended) ~~¶~~The barrier reinforcement of claim 1 wherein the ~~stopping~~ means passive engagement device is attached to the upright members on ~~both the~~ a side to be impacted by the catching means stopping assembly and approximately the opposite a side of the upright member approximately opposite the side to be impacted.
5. (new) The barrier reinforcement of claim 1, wherein the passive engagement devices comprise horns extending from the upright members such that the stopping assembly is engaged substantially at junctions of the horns and upright members when the barrier is impacted.
6. (new) The barrier reinforcement of claim 5, wherein the horns extends from the upright members at an angle about 15 degrees downward from a horizontal plane and wherein the horns are splayed outward with respect to each other at an angle about 15 degrees from a vertical plane perpendicular to the barrier.
7. (new) The barrier reinforcement of claim 1, wherein the elongated structural member is tubular, and further wherein at least a portion of the flexible cable member extends through the elongated structural member.
8. (new) A barrier reinforcement assembly comprising:
a substantially continuous cable that is attachable to a barrier and that is at least partially enclosed within a sheath; and

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at least two spaced apart bollards, wherein each bollard comprises a static elongate horn extending therefrom for engaging the sheathed cable when the barrier is impacted, wherein the static elongate horns are splayed outwardly with respect to each other so that the horns more effectively engage the sheathed cable.

9. (new) The barrier reinforcement assembly of claim 8, wherein the sheath comprises curved end portions.
10. (new) The barrier reinforcement assembly of claim 9, wherein the curved end portions of the sheath are substantially hook shaped.
11. (new) The barrier reinforcement assembly of claim 8, wherein the cable is a substantially continuous loop.
12. (new) The barrier reinforcement assembly of claim 8, wherein the static elongate horns extend from the bollards at an angle about 15 degrees downward from a horizontal plane and are splayed outward at an angle about 15 degrees from a vertical plane perpendicular to the barrier.
13. (new) The barrier reinforcement assembly of claim 8, wherein the bollards include internal reinforcement members encased in concrete for increasing mass and rigidity.
14. (new) The barrier reinforcement assembly of claim 8, wherein the static elongate horns are attached to the bollards in at least two separate locations to improve the strength of the barrier reinforcement assembly.

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15. (new) A barrier reinforcement assembly comprising:
- a stopping assembly attachable to a barrier and including at least one tubular member with curved end portions and a substantially continuous cable;
 - and
 - at least two spaced apart reinforced bollards for disposition closely adjacent the curved end portions of the tubular member when the barrier is in a closed position, wherein each bollard comprises an elongate horn for engaging the stopping assembly upon an impact of the barrier, wherein the horns are splayed outwardly with respect to each other to more effectively engage the stopping assembly.
16. (new) The barrier reinforcement assembly of claim 15, wherein the horns extend from the bollards at an angle about 15 degrees downward from the horizontal plane and are splayed outward at an angle about 15 degrees from the vertical plane perpendicular to the barrier.
17. (new) The barrier reinforcement assembly of claim 15, wherein the substantially continuous cable passes through the tubular member.
18. (new) The barrier reinforcement assembly of claim 15, wherein the curved end portions of the tubular member are substantially hook shaped.